

Foundation of Cryptography (0368-4162-01), Introduction

Adminstration + Introduction

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Part I

Administration and Course Overview

Section 1

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Course Prerequisites

- 1 Some prior knowledge of cryptography (such as [0369.3049](#)) might help, but not necessarily
- 2 Basic probability.
- 3 Basic complexity (the classes \mathcal{P} , \mathcal{NP} , \mathcal{BPP})

Course Material

1 Books:

- 1 [Oded Goldreich. Foundations of Cryptography.](#)
- 2 Jonathan Katz and Yehuda Lindell. An Introduction to Modern Cryptography.

2 Lecture notes

- 1 [2011 Course.](#)
- 2 Ran Canetti. Foundation of Cryptography (The 2008 course)
- 3 Salil Vadhan. Introduction to Cryptography.
- 4 Luca Trevisan. Cryptography.
- 5 Yehuda lindell Foundations of Cryptography.

Section 2

Course Topics

Basic primitives in cryptography (i.e., one-way functions, pseudorandom generators and zero-knowledge proofs).

- Focus on *formal* definitions and *rigorous* proofs.
- The goal is not studying some list, but to understand cryptography.
- Get ready to start researching

Part II

Foundation of Cryptography

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